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THE ACE OF SPADES ✓

Photoplay in 2 reels ✓

#1 The Fatal Card ✓

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"THE ACE OF SPADES"  
Adventure Picture  
Starring WILLIAM DESMOND

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Episode #1.

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In 1803 Thomas Jefferson negotiates for the purchase of the Territory of Louisiana, sending James Monroe as envoy to the court of Napoleon. The Duke of Tallyrand tells Napoleon of valuable mineral deposits in the territory, but the French ruler favors disposing of it.

In 1889 the Oklahoma Land Rush is at its peak, centering in Arkansas City, where Gideon Trask, with a following of killers headed by Joe Deneep, is the master of the Royal Flush Saloon and the unseen hand of death to newcomers who happen to be in his way.

When a man received the dreaded Ace of Spades he knew it was his time to clear out of the country or be shot from ambush by an unknown, but ruthless, hand. Jim Heath is held a prisoner in the cellar of the saloon pending the arrival by wagon train of his brother, Martin and his niece, Olive Heath, who are bringing with them the old French mineral survey coveted by Trask and his gang, who rush the wagon train and start a free-for-all fight.

Dan Harvey rides to the rescue, places Olive under the straw in the powder wagon for safety and then helps to fight off the marauders. The wagon backs into a campfire and starts to burn. The horses are frightened and dash over the plain, drawing the burning wagon containing the girl and the powder. Dan Harvey rides to the rescue.

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